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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of March 13, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

claims 1-3 are cancelled;

independent claim 4 is amended to incorporate cancelled subject matter of claims 1 and 3 and allowable subject matter from claim 5;

claim 5 is amended to conform with amended claim 4;

claim 7 is amended to depend from amended claim 4;

new claims 8 and 9 are added respectively directed to cancelled subject matter of claims 1 and 2; and

claim 6 is unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to, nor any new issues to the prosecution of, the present application.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 5 and 6 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

Regarding Claims 1-3

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1 and 2 based on the above-discussed cancellation of these claims

Regarding Claims 4-7

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 4, which incorporates allowable subject matter of pending claim 5, and claims 5-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Cannon in view of newly cited Phillips (US 6,626,708) either alone or further in view of Tomura, or by Silverbrook in view of Cannon

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and Phillips, for at least the reasons given by the Examiner in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the present final Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

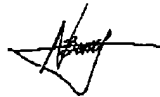
Very respectfully,

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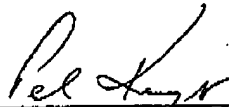
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